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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN ARMY MUTINY

REF: AMMAN 0560

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT REPERCUSSIONS FOLLOWING YESTERDAY'S MUTINY OF SOME UNITS OF JORDANIAN 40TH BRIGADE IN ZARQA. INCIDENT NOT MENTIONED IN LOCAL PRESS, ALTHOUGH NEWS IS BEGINNING TO SPREAD BY WORD OF MOUTH IN AMMAN. THERE LITTLE IF ANY AUGMENTATION OF USUAL SECURITY MEASURES.

2. CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL BIN SHAKER (WHO CHIEF SUBJECT OF ARMY PROTEST) HAS RETURNED FROM LONDON AND CURRENTLY TOURING ARMY UNITS IN ATTEMPT TO PLACATE DISSATISFIED ELEMENTS AND INSURE NO FURTHER INCIDENTS OCCUR. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND CROWN PRINCE IN RELAXED MOOD TODAY FOLLOWING HIS MEETING YESTERDAY WITH DISSIDENT TROOPS.

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3. WE UNAWARE OF ANY CONCRETE STEPS TAKEN BY

GOJ THUS FAR TO RESPOND TO 40TH BRIGADE PRO-
TESTS. CHIEF SOURCE OF ARMY DISSATISFACTION
APPEARS TO BE RECENT GOJ ACTION TO RELIEVE HIGH
RANKING ARMY OFFICERS OF MORTGAGE DEBTS CONTRACT-
ED TO FINANCE PERSONAL HOUSES, WHILE NO SIMILAR
BENEFITS WERE CONFERRED ON LOWER RANKS. WE ASSUME
THAT GRUMBLING WILL CONTINUE AND THAT ANY DE-
FINITIVE GOJ RESPONSE TO PROTESTERS' DEMANDS WILL
BE LEFT TO KING HUSSEIN TO HANDLE PERSONALLY
UPON HIS RETURN TO JORDAN.
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